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EDITORIAL

NOTES AND COMMENTS

We know a first-class man, a graduate of Mississippi College, with several years experience as teacher whose services can be had in Mississippi in that capacity if needed. Address this office.

Many thanks to Sister W. F. Gordon for cash and kind words. Such things give us a good appetite for hard work. How light would our burdens be if everybody was thoughtful to treat us so nicely.

"Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee." DAVID. There is no law against carrying such concealed weapons as that, the sword of the spirit is better than a whole arsenal of revolvers.

If European nations should come to blows as some people think they will it would be no child's play when 27,000,000 of armed men meet in hostile array. May the Lord avert such a catastrophe.

Dr. J. N. Denson, of Tusculum, says: "I like the paper and do not see how the Baptists of the State could manage to get along without it." Thanks, beloved, and we are trying to make it so good that all the rest of them will think about it as you do.

"Well, it's about time to begin to clear off your files and make ready for Easter sermons and reports of Easter services is it not?" Well, no, we guess not. Our Baptist people are generally too well up in real religion to be after doing much on the line of church shows.

Last Sunday at Shuquak was a good day for everybody but the preacher. We fell sick in the afternoon and was quite unable to preach at night. But President L. M. Stone, at our earnest solicitation cheerfully came to our relief and that of the congregation and gave us a most excellent sermon.

Mrs. Mary Arthur, a poor widow near Ellisville, would like to know the whereabouts of her son, C. W. Arthur who left home during the late war as a Confederate soldier and from whom she has heard nothing since. She has reason to believe that he is still alive and is anxious to see him. Will other papers please copy?

A grave question now is "what shall we do for the great surplus of men in the labor market?" Our answer would be to tell them to go in to the fields and betake themselves to raising hogs and hogs and wait no longer on Mr. McKinley's high tariff prices for work—crowd the fields and fatten rather than hang around the shops and starve.

"Must congratulate you on the constant improvement of THE RECORD. Each issue seems better than the preceding one. May abundant success crown your efforts in developing the Baptist host of Mississippi." That is the way one of the leading sisters in the State writes about the paper. We "thank God take courage."

Another good sister writes after this fashion: Are her words not as apples of gold in pitchers of silver? They are worth more than gold to us: "I am much pleased with my paper; it seems that I can't do without it. It has been a welcome visitor for fifteen or sixteen years to my home. I hope it may yet be in every Christian home in the State."

The Independent is authority for saying that "a bill has been introduced by the Archbishop of Canterbury in the House of Lords, London, enabling church courts to dismiss from their livings, clergymen who are convicted of drunkenness, felony, and other immoralities." Such things must have become oppressively common in the church of England in these latter days. But after all it only shows that the reformed tendency of the establishment is only the more comprehensive in its sweep.

We have never had as much solid help from the brethren generally in the way of writing for the paper as these last few months have shown up since we have been with it, for which we are unfeignedly thankful. Brethren, you have captured us by your kindness, and we shall rejoice thus the more if you will hold us thus in captivity.

We believe our books are nearer correct now than they have been at any time since we have been in the office. It has been a laborious business, for it has taken very much of our time personally, while we were compelled to keep up the other departments of the paper. We shall never cease to be grateful to the brethren who have borne with us and had patience while we were at it.

Remember brethren, the Southern Baptist Convention is to meet in Atlanta, Ga., on the 6th of May next, that it is to be a characteristic Southern Baptist meeting and will be one of the most thoroughly representative Baptist meetings on earth. Remember also that great things will be done then and there, and by all means make sure that your pastor goes.

Occasionally a subscriber feels called upon to use what he calls "plainness of speech" in writing about the paper. Oftentimes this is more amusing than annoying, for in most cases he is not half the business agent that he thinks he is, and so we "catch him on the fly" at his weak point. Over-confident people are usually more than half wrong at the start.

I want to express my pleasure at the upward move THE RECORD has taken. Its praises are in the mouths of all the brethren. You certainly have reason to be encouraged. Give me your hand—W. T. L. Most heartily do we appreciate your good words and most affectionately do we join hands with you for a further improvement of THE RECORD and a like upward and onward movement for every good enterprise in our State.

One or two of our brethren have taken offense because we said at the bottom of some of the last series of statements that we have sent out. "This is the second time we have written you." Now, we beg to say we meant no offense. It was said only on the supposition that our former statement had not been received. We would not accuse our brethren of silently or contemptuously ignoring our earnest appeals for what is due us when they know we need it so much.

We have a few kinds of subscribers and this is one of them. He says he is utterly unable to pay what he owes on the paper and says "stop it and I will pay next fall." Don't send it any more for I won't take it out of the office. Of course he does not know that the law is on our side, that we can continue to send it until all arrears are paid up, and that to refuse to take it out of the office would in court be taken as evidence of fraud. We are glad that we have not many such; perhaps not one in a thousand.

A Methodist exchange says: "When a Christian comes to the point where he has neither the vitality to live nor the courage to die, he is in a perilous position." That depends altogether on what you mean by a "Christian." If you mean a Christian, doubtless you are correct; but if you mean a CHRISTIAN, then you are more than forty points off, unless the grace of God is not sufficient, and Christ not able to save to the uttermost.

At a meeting of President Harrison and his cabinet on the 18th, it was decided to protect the seals in the Behring sea. Secretary Tracy in due time will issue orders to the Pacific squadron to police Behring sea and apprehend the poachers found on the interdicted territory, whether they be from Canada or the United States. It may be the proper thing for our government to protect the seals from Canadian clubs and leave its own citizens to the mercy of whiskey shysters, but we can't see it just that way.

"Dr. L. E. Keeley, of Dwight, Ill., has made a contract with the United States Government to put his remedies and treatment for the cure of the liquor and opium habits in all the national and state military and naval hospitals of America." Why shouldn't they? If the United States or any of the States may license the liquor manufacture and traffic for a revenue, why should they not provide a remedy for the drunkenness they produce? The great pity is, they are not made to pay for all the damages they cause to people and property.

OUR OLD PEOPLE.

We have come to feel that it is thought to be quite the thing now-a-days to push our old people far into the back ground and to keep them there, and we are fostering the idea in the minds of the young that they deserve no better treatment. It seems to us that at the present rate we have already reached the point where our old people are beginning to feel that there is neither pleasure nor usefulness in old age, and that the only desirable thing for them is to die and get out of the way of the great army of young people who are rushing pell mell to the front. Every thing is gotten up with an eye to the young people. We hear of entertainments in the way of church societies, and there are all for the young. The preacher must preach, and deport himself in such a way as to attract and please the young, and if he can not do this his usefulness is at an end. It will not be long before the wail comes up, "He is a good man, preaches good sermons and all that, but some how the young folks do not take to him." We must please these, you know, and while it is very painful to us, we will certainly have to make a change. And so the immature and thoughtless are leading the churches, and putting a premium upon youthful indiscretion, and a discount upon that wisdom which is possessed only by the elder and experienced. We believe that the time has come when we should call a halt, and so train our young people as to make them find most pleasure in following the advice of the fathers in our churches, and have them to feel that it is most becoming to them to do, and that it is repulsive to persons of good taste to see young persons act in such a way as to discount the aged. The young do not know what they want, what is best suited for their pastor, nor what is most useful for them, but the fathers ought to know, and it is their duty to see that they are properly supplied. We have our jingling, rattling songs, sensational sermons, and are vitiating the tastes of our children and fostering in them a contempt for the old songs of Zion, and for that gospel in which there is food for the soul, and making them feel that they know it all, and that we are old fogies.

We would like to hear of a church, which believed that old people were some account, deserved some little consideration, and that was not thanking the Lord that they were old retired or taken to heaven. We risk asking where are the fathers? Where is grand father and grand mother? Must not the preacher feed them on food meet for them or must he leave them to starve? The young, we are told, are the hope of the churches. God pity the churches if the day ever comes when the hope of the churches is not influenced and moulded by the older members. We say, the old are the hope of the churches, and the prospect of the churches lies in the success with which they impress their mature ideas, seasoned by the grace of God, and developed by years of service upon the rising generation. Quit telling the young that they are the hope of the churches, unless you give them a clear perception of what you mean.

Go, bring grand father's chair, give him the best corner, listen to his words of counsel, ask his advice about church matters, make him first in every thing, and you will not only be happier, but more useful. Is he able to go to church? Make him feel welcome there; invite him to remain to your church conferences; listen kindly to all he says, give him every assurance that he is loved and valued. Go, forget yourself in grand mother, best she become weary and feel forgotten, cheer her heart, read the Bible to her, for you know her eyes are dim; make her feel happy and hopeful. Happy are the homes; happy are the churches which are favored by the presence of old people. THE RECORD devoutly prays God's blessing upon every aged saint who may read these lines. At some future time, we wish to speak of our old ministers who have been pushed aside, and seem to be forgotten by the young scions who have entered into their labors. In the mean time, young brethren, let us remember that we will soon be old. This may cause us to show them attention which will dispel the feeling of neglect, and fill the dimmed eyes with the fire of youth and cheer the sad heart with the thrill of the past, and bring down upon our heads the blessings of venerated men whose labors and sacrifices are known only to Him who will soon place upon their brows the fadeless crown.

Many of our subscribers who are behind with the paper have not been heard from yet. Brethren, we are anxious to hear from you within the next two months. Bills falling due make it necessary for us to urge payment. We hope you will not wait for either statement or agent, but send the money to us at once. Now is the time to help us.

Our recent trip into North Louisiana was during the cold snap, but we found a warm welcome among the people. It was on the occasion of the marriage of our friend and brother, Mr. W. P. Lowrey, son of the lamented W. W. Lowrey, of Forest, to Miss Hattie H. Hawley, the daughter of the excellent Mrs. Annie Hawley, of Delhi, La., and one of the cherished friends of former days. It was our pleasant privilege to solemnize the rite when the mother and her noble, but now deceased husband, were married, not many years after the late war.

The occasion at Delhi was a highly interesting one. The marriage took place in the church, and was witnessed by a large concourse of interested and admiring friends. Four beautiful young ladies—Misses May and Lottie Lowrey and Miss Jessie Kirkland, from Forest, and a lovely daughter of Delhi whose name we cannot now recall, and four noble and shrewd young gentlemen, were the attendants. The whole affair was well planned, and passed off beautifully, and to the satisfaction of all. After hearty congratulations and a royal lunch at the hospitable home of Sister Hawley, the bride couple and their Mississippi friends left a reluctant adieu to those of Louisiana, and took the train for home. At Vicksburg we were joined by Miss Ellen Roberts, a cousin of the bride and one of our best friends, whose vivacity and good cheer added very greatly to the joyousness of the bridal journey.

We saw Delhi under unfavorable circumstances on account of the rain and cold, but enough to perceive that it is a progressive place, with lots of good people in it. Besides Col. Moore and his excellent wife, who is a sister to Mrs. Hawley and another friend of other days, Dr. Brumby and a few other former acquaintances, and many friendly strangers, we had the pleasure of meeting our old friend and brother in the ministry, Rev. W. M. Alfred, late the successful pastor of our church in Monroe, La. It was a real pleasure to have an old-fashioned talk with him, over the old times when we worked together for the Master in Louisiana, somewhat more than a half dozen years ago. We spent the night quite pleasantly with him at the home of Brother Armstrong, one of the solid men of Delhi, and were delightfully entertained by his worthy wife and interesting family. We had an opportunity of honoring the Master while in Delhi by trying to preach His gospel on Wednesday night, which we did after a poor sort of fashion, but it was the best we could do just then. Bro. Alfred is now the efficient missionary of the Bayou Macon Association, and it was his meeting. We also met our friend and brother, Deacon Smith, of our own church, who has a large building contract in Delhi, and who is helping them on in their progressive efforts.

On our return trip we stopped off at Clinton, hoping to have an opportunity to meet many friends, as well as to look in on those two splendid schools, Mississippi and Hillman Colleges, but the rain and sleet made it quite out of the question to effect it all. We, however, did meet Mrs. Webb and Hillman on the streets, with some others, had a pleasant tea and an hour or so with President Venable at the home of Dr. Womack, the pastor, where we spent the night, and where we were most hospitably entertained. Sister Womack is our old friend and a preacher's wife, and completely won our vote for the highest honors in that realm.

We got home to find that a large lot of work had accumulated on our hands, and have been hard at it ever since. We are glad to report that everything goes well in both schools at Clinton, and also the church. Only the young preachers in school need more help, and Brethren Ellis and Venable are still anxious for the churches and brethren not to slacken their energies until it has been made quite unnecessary for any one of them to leave school for lack of means. Now, brethren, is your time to help a good cause.

A MISTAKE.

What? Why, that picture we had in the paper last week claiming to be a cut of the new Baptist church and mission rooms at Jackson. We are glad to say, however, that the mistake was not ours. It occurred at the other end of the line; they sent us the "wrong cut." It is all right now, however. The right one has showed up and we give it this week. Take a good look at it. It is a beauty, isn't it? Destined to be a noble "pile," and worthy of the cause it represents. Read also what Bro. Sproules says about it, and make ready to help.

AN OBSERVATORY.

I have been thinking for some time that I would express to you my appreciation of your work on THE RECORD. I have been surprised at your knowledge of Mississippi affairs and necessities, and then H. F. Sproules. We blush to think above in Our Observatory our profound faith in the high appreciation of it, comes it does from such a high source, must be an excuse. It enables us and makes us desire God's help, to do better in this work for the improvement of the churches, and to be able to help the noble brotherhood of Mississippi, studied their needs, and we have been doing so. One of our needs is THE RECORD, and THE RECORD is greatly improved. H. F. Sproules. You are so competent to speak, we know that you would unless you meant every word you say. It must be so when Dr. H. F. Sproules says it. "Judge Sproules believes, and we believe, that the prolific pen of H. F. Sproules, in this country, is the best. Central Baptist, right if you mean parental the rod. It is the salvaging America. We hope Brother Powell will not bring such hard pressure to bear upon it as to make its ways immutable. We have so many old fogies to contend with." Yes, our fathers got to be old fogies, and now our fathers are old fogies. Guess we are even fogies that will soon develop into the same thing that our fathers are, i. e., in the eyes of our bright young chaps who are sure to believe that they know it all. Dr. J. B. Jeter says of man: "His highest attainment is to learn that he is a fool." Alas, that so many have lived and died without reaching this standard, and we predict that it will continue to be so. "He is a very wise looking man." Yes, and so is an owl. Did you ever see anything that could look wiser than an owl? We know a man whose greatness lies in his wise looks. Here is the secret of his success. "Do you think it best for the churches to have young men for pastors?" No, sir. We think it best for them to have men of some age and experience, two things which are as valuable in a preacher as in any other man. We deprecate the tendency, to relegate men to the rear because they are mature. But the boys have to practice and get experience, and so we suppose it is well enough that some churches like to be practiced upon. The Christian Index, in commenting on the little stir made by Dixon which involves him in a law suit, says: "Rev. Mr. Dixon made the prelude, Ingelsoll makes the postlude." From the same on the same. "If ministers of the gospel would confine themselves to the legitimate work of their office, instead of indulging in personal denunciation and abuse, there would be fewer interruptions of the pulpit by the law, no suits for slander, and no ministerial street fights." But you see Brother Index, these are just the things some preachers value most, and hence they will not confine themselves to their work. And yet again the Index says: "Such things give an ugly notoriety to the people who engage in them, lowers the dignity and respectability of the ministerial office, and give undue importance to persons who would otherwise sink out of sight." Yes, but the trouble is that these fellows do not think it ought to look wiser than an owl, so to act, and as to importance, why, sir, they verily believe that greatness would shiver into nonentity at the sight of themselves. "When you criticize your pastor, you hurt yourself and your children. One who heard that remark, said: 'Would to God I had heard that twenty years ago.' No doubt he was thinking of the boys and girls grown to mature life without interest in religion or regard for public worship. A pastor honored in the home is a constant blessing in it." Inquirer. And yet many good people speak of their pastor and of his preaching as to make him despised in the home. They are sowing, and they are sure to reap. The Baptist Standard says a number of prominent brethren in the South have assured the National Union of Baptist Young People that fraternal messengers from that body will be received by the Southern Baptist Convention and given a hearing. We suppose that Bro. Cranfill is one of the prominent brethren who has given such assurance, as he seems to chime in with all of the cranks North and South. This Society favors women speaking in mixed assemblies, and for one we do not believe that our Convention will endorse any such outside organization and bring it into our work, though championed by the doughty Cranfill.

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have seen it kill some men as dead as Hector so far as influence and usefulness were concerned. It strikes us that such a death as that is deplorable. "He regards himself the greatest man in the South, John A. is a pigmy in comparison with himself." It must be a very happy fellow. For our part he is welcome to all the bliss his ignorance brings him. "It is astonishing what an amount of ignorance one little human skull can hold." We credit Doctor Hiden with the above. "You have gotten me into a difficulty. You put a quotation in your Observatory, and one of my members declares that I wrote it to you about him." We did no such thing. We never heard of the man before, and have never quoted a syllable from any letter of yours. Sometimes a cap made for one party just fits another fellow. In such cases we are always disposed to let him wear it, and only feel sad that he grows at a good fit. We think people ought to complain only at a misfit. We note that Bro. W. D. Powell comes to the rescue of the Foreign Board again. We do not see how the thing could go without him. He says his methods are perfect, or nearly so. Our brother may possibly be mistaken, and it might be possible for this Board to change some of its methods, and in so doing, do an admirable thing. We hope Brother Powell will not bring such hard pressure to bear upon it as to make its ways immutable. We have so many old fogies to contend with." Yes, our fathers got to be old fogies, and now our fathers are old fogies. Guess we are even fogies that will soon develop into the same thing that our fathers are, i. e., in the eyes of our bright young chaps who are sure to believe that they know it all. Dr. J. B. Jeter says of man: "His highest attainment is to learn that he is a fool." Alas, that so many have lived and died without reaching this standard, and we predict that it will continue to be so. "He is a very wise looking man." Yes, and so is an owl. Did you ever see anything that could look wiser than an owl? We know a man whose greatness lies in his wise looks. Here is the secret of his success. "Do you think it best for the churches to have young men for pastors?" No, sir. We think it best for them to have men of some age and experience, two things which are as valuable in a preacher as in any other man. We deprecate the tendency, to relegate men to the rear because they are mature. But the boys have to practice and get experience, and so we suppose it is well enough that some churches like to be practiced upon. The Christian Index, in commenting on the little stir made by Dixon which involves him in a law suit, says: "Rev. Mr. Dixon made the prelude, Ingelsoll makes the postlude." From the same on the same. "If ministers of the gospel would confine themselves to the legitimate work of their office, instead of indulging in personal denunciation and abuse, there would be fewer interruptions of the pulpit by the law, no suits for slander, and no ministerial street fights." But you see Brother Index, these are just the things some preachers value most, and hence they will not confine themselves to their work. And yet again the Index says: "Such things give an ugly notoriety to the people who engage in them, lowers the dignity and respectability of the ministerial office, and give undue importance to persons who would otherwise sink out of sight." Yes, but the trouble is that these fellows do not think it ought to look wiser than an owl, so to act, and as to importance, why, sir, they verily believe that greatness would shiver into nonentity at the sight of themselves. "When you criticize your pastor, you hurt yourself and your children. One who heard that remark, said: 'Would to God I had heard that twenty years ago.' No doubt he was thinking of the boys and girls grown to mature life without interest in religion or regard for public worship. A pastor honored in the home is a constant blessing in it." Inquirer. And yet many good people speak of their pastor and of his preaching as to make him despised in the home. They are sowing, and they are sure to reap. The Baptist Standard says a number of prominent brethren in the South have assured the National Union of Baptist Young People that fraternal messengers from that body will be received by the Southern Baptist Convention and given a hearing. We suppose that Bro. Cranfill is one of the prominent brethren who has given such assurance, as he seems to chime in with all of the cranks North and South. This Society favors women speaking in mixed assemblies, and for one we do not believe that our Convention will endorse any such outside organization and bring it into our work, though championed by the doughty Cranfill.

NEW HOUSE OF WORSHIP AND MISSION ROOMS IN JACKSON.

Baptists and friends of this enterprise ought to have a full, minute and accurate statement concerning its condition and prospects. This I propose to give, keeping back nothing.

| EXPENSES. | |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| For Lot, | \$1,000.00 |
| For Plans, | 100.00 |
| For Building, | 3,000.00 |
| For Furnishing and Collecting, | 1,500.00 |
| Subscriptions, | 1,500.00 |
| For Friends and Interest, | 500.00 |
| Total, | \$8,600.00 |

| RESOURCES. | |
|----------------------------------------|------------|
| Cash on Hand, | \$1,200.00 |
| Subscriptions outside Jackson, | 3,000.00 |
| Subscriptions in Jackson, | 1,500.00 |
| Note for old Church, due Jan. 1, 1892, | 500.00 |
| Total, | \$6,200.00 |

It will be seen by putting together the amount expended and the cash on hand that we have received up to date \$7,129.56. Of this amount, the people in Jackson contributed \$3,548.81, and those outside the city, \$2,440.75, of which the Woman's Missionary Societies and individual sisters gave \$459.50.

A contract has been made for the completion of the building, excepting the furniture, for \$25,000.00. We can use our old church until January 1, 1893. It will require \$6,772.44 more than is in hand and subscribed to put us into the new house. To protect the building, we must put the roof on when we begin work again. The contractor, John F. Bates, will commence the 1st of April, 1892.

I desire to call special attention to

THANKS.

I want to thank Brother Womack for the recent articles from him and as my feelings are not a secret I want to thank him in THE RECORD. First, because what he has said is just what ought to have been said. Second, he said it at the right time. Third, he has manifested the right spirit.

Yours truly,

L. E. HALL.

Hattiesburg, March 26.

The Baptist and Redactor reports that Drs. A. J. Gordon of Boston, P. S. Henson of Chicago, A. C. Dixon of Brooklyn, and F. M. Ellis of Baltimore have

